

Intercessor: Sample Letter of Invitation

Dear *Name*,

Our congregation is *beginning/expanding* the ministry of laypeople preparing and offering the prayers of intercession in worship. The worship committee believes you have gifts for this ministry. You are already a leader in this congregation in many ways. When the congregation gets to hear different people offer the prayers, we are all strengthened in faith. We know this is important to you.

We hope you will consider attending the training session on *date, time, place*.

As you know, in every worship service, prayers are offered for the needs of the world. Those prayers are best prepared locally and led each week by laypeople who share in one of the most important callings of the priesthood of all believers. Some intercessors might select and/or adapt prayers from various published prayer collections and resources, while others might write their own from scratch. You would be free to choose whichever plan works best for you. The training will include specifics about things to consider.

I hope this letter will encourage you to accept the invitation to the training. The training will provide an opportunity for further discernment, and you may decide to continue or not after you complete the training. We rotate intercessors, so this is not something you would be asked to do every Sunday.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your praying about this call, for we do see it as a call, and we hope you will give yourself the opportunity to explore it with us further.

Peace be with you,